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LLOYD BELL, Undersheriff, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on March 14, 1960, that FRED OTASH was picked up by deputies of his department at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, on charges of vagrancy. OTASH indicated he operates a private detective agency known as The Fred Otash Detective Agency, 1342 North Laurel Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephones OL 6-4477 and HO 7-1888.

OTASH stated he was in Las Vegas, Nevada for the purpose of setting up an agreement of some type to collect gambling debts owed to the gambling clubs and hotels, especially by individuals in California. OTASH would investigate the assets of the individuals owing these gambling debts which information would be turned over to a group of attorneys for collection. OTASH indicated he had discussed this plan with PHIL LONG of the Tropicana Hotel; JOHNNY DUNN and BELDON KATLEMAN, both El Rancho Vegas Hotel and WILBUR CLARK, Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

OTASH advised that about three months ago WILBUR CLARK, Las Vegas, Nevada loaned him \$5,000 and he obtained this money through ELI BOYER, Accountant for the Desert Inn.

OTASH was dropped as a criminal informant pursuant to Bureau instructions in Bureau letter of November 28, 1961, in connection with his use of the FBI's name in publicizing his United Nations Publications, Inc., Directory of Private Investigators and Attorneys (SAC letter 61-72 (A)).

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